

AUGUST 17, 2025

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Faith Formation Facilitator*
 Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*
 Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*
 Don Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*
 Kimberly McFall, *Office Manager*

Contact Information

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569
 Monday through Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784
 St. Mark Community Day Care Center:
 814-486-2399

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm
 Anytime by appointment

Baptisms

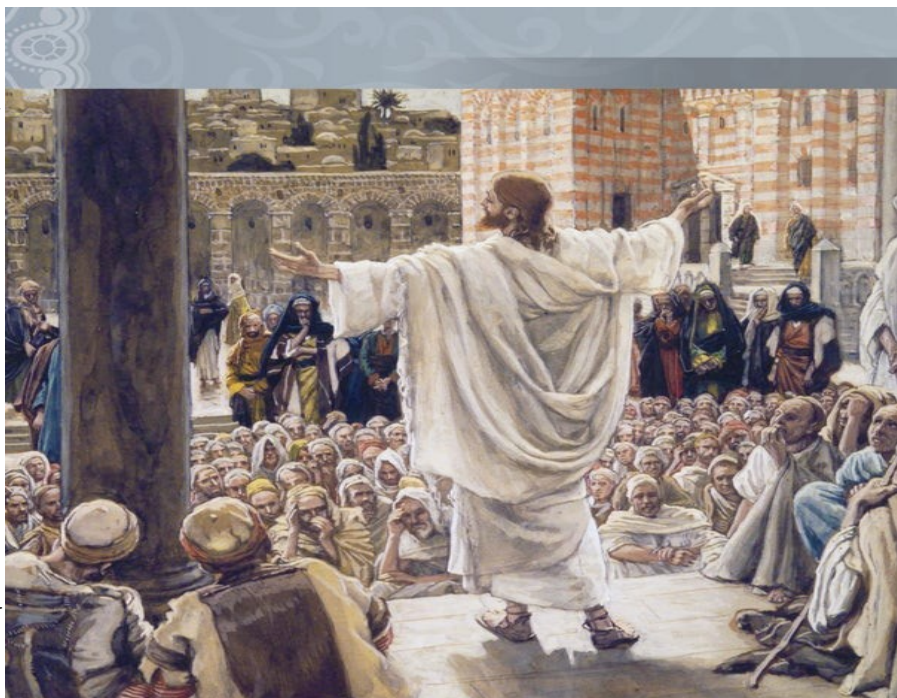
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
 rectory for arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six
 months prior to the wedding.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @
www.stmarkemporium.org or
oursmprayers@gmail.com



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Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set
 the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already
 blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUG. 18

NO MASS

(Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

NO MASS

(Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

8:15 AM BARI MICHAEL POORMAN

(The Family)

(Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)

THURSDAY, AUG. 21

8:15 AM DANIEL MALIZIA

(Tim & Mary Meisel)

(Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14)

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

8:15 AM CALVIN & EUNICE HUGAR

(Marie Hugar)

(Ru 1:1,3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)

ST. MARK/ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

ST. MARK

4:00 PM

MARGIE TAUSES (ANNIV.)

(Rosalie Ives)

ST. JAMES

NO MASS

SUNDAY AUG. 24

9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

(Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30)

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****ST. MARK/ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC****SATURDAY, AUG 23**V. Fragale, A. Aikens,
& A. DeMatz**LECTORS:****4:00 PM -**

Vicky Songer

ALTAR SERVERS:

Andy & Eugenia Clark

ST. JAMES ~ NO MASS**SUNDAY, AUG. 24**T. Dresser, F. Manginell
& Volunteer**9:00 AM**

Mary Dixon

Ruth Kane &
Mark Guido**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	(17th)	9:00 AM ~ 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEDNESDAY	(20th)	6:00 PM ~ Confession
THURSDAY	(21st)	6:30 PM ~ Rosary
SATURDAY	(23rd)	3:15 PM ~ Confession
		4:00 PM ~ VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
		5:00 PM ~ ST. MARK/ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY	(24th)	9:00 AM ~ 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-53**JESUS' MISSION OF DIVISION****Question of the week:****Adult:** When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?**Youth:** Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE**

SAT. AUG 9 4:00 PM ~ 109

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM ~ 23

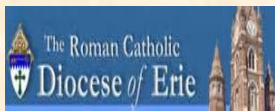
SUN. AUG. 10 9:00 AM ~ 95

OFFERTORY**COLLECTION**

(8/9-10/2025)

ST. MARK: \$4,527.00

ST. JAMES: \$141.00

*Thank you for returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!***Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-
Documentation for Safety:**

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing

implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children.

Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

**BAPTISMAL
PREPARATION
CLASS****THURS.,****AUG. 28, 2025 ~ 6:30 PM @****ST. MARK**

Please call the rectory @
486-0569 if you're in need of
classes for an upcoming baptism.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Northern Tier Community Action is looking for supplies for homeless or those facing homelessness and their needs. Some of the items include, but not limited to, are:

Deodorant, Feminine products, paper products, wipes, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, flavored water packets, backpacks, sunscreen for summer months, reusable water bottles, laundry pods, Ziploc bags, blankets, hats, gloves, etc. Little medical items such as Band-Aids, Neosporin, etc. no oral medications please.

There is a table in the back of the church where items can be left.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

ADVOCACY**REQUEST FOR ADVOCACY:
SUPPORT for PennCARE
FUNDING FOR OLDER
ADULTS**

Last year, seniors were unfortunately overlooked in the state budget. It is critical that our elected officials hear from constituents to support older adults through PennCARE funding.

Please reach out to

Senator Cris Dush's Harrisburg office @
717-787-7084 and express your support.



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Gospel: Luke
12:49-53

In this Gospel, fire is an image referring to divine judgment. Jesus is clearly stating that he has come to judge the people. His own faithfulness to this task led to his great anguish and ultimately to his passion and death. So will we his faithful disciples be treated. Jesus' intent here is not primarily to condemn people, but to challenge them to right living according to the covenant established with God. So must this be our intent.



Welcome back
St. Mark Staff;
Jen Abriatis &
Sr. Frances
Therese!

Faith Formation office hours
resume on Monday, Aug. 18th:
Mon., Tues., & Thurs.,
9am-2pm
Wed., 11am-5:30pm,
Fri., As needed.



Bethany Retreat Center

Check out our website & scroll
through for each description.

Join Us!

7 Essentials -
9/5/25 - 9/7/25 - \$275.00
Women's Retreat -
9/26/25 - 9/28/25 - \$325.00
John Dear -
10/10/25 - 10/12/25 - \$325.00
Icon Retreat -
10/15/25 - 10/18/25 - \$560.00
Contemplative Attitudes -
10/22/25 - 10/26/25 - \$500.00
Drumming Retreat -
10/26/25 - \$50.00
1031 Germania Road
Frenchville, PA 16836
814-780-8101
lisam@anawimministries.org



HAPPY BE-LATED
BIRTHDAY WISHES
TO ST. MARK
PASTORAL COUNCIL
PRESIDENT,

DAN MARTUCCIO

{AUG. 15th}

We hope your day was filled
with joy and may this next
year be filled with blessings!



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the Blessed
Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of

My brother-in-law: **BOB COLWELL**
From: Don Fapore

Thank
You!

The Kamats Family
would like to thank
Fr. Paul for the
wonderful Baptismal

Ceremony for our grandchildren.

Thank you to the Altar and Rosary
Society for the beautiful handmade
embroidered blankets, and to the
K of C for the roses.

You made our family day so special and
we are deeply grateful!
Richard & Joanne Kamats



APARTMENT FOR RENT:



AVAILABLE
SEPT. 1, 2025!

Two story, two
bedroom apartment,
available, across parking lot from
the church, facing East Third
Street. Non-smoking—no pets,
utilities not included in rent. Ideal
for single/retired person.
Apartment has been professionally
cleaned. Includes Stove, new
Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer,
Dishwasher, one window A/C &
wall-to-wall carpet. Inquiries
please call: Joe DeSio (814)
486-1968 or the rectory 9:00 AM
to 3:00 PM (814)486-0569.

Share Faith



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take
up the Collection for
the Church in Latin America! Many
people in Latin America and the
Caribbean lack access to church
programs and ministries because of a
rising secular culture, rugged rural
terrain, and a shortage of ministers.
Your generosity enables our brothers
and sisters in Latin America and the
Caribbean to share in the life of the
Church and grow closer to Christ.
Please be generous in the special
collection! To learn more, please visit:
www.usccb.org/latin-america